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VE4BB

Field Day Planning & Election Night

Date: Wednesday, June 12, 2019 (**DATE CHANGE**)
Time: 7:30 PM
Place: Royal Canadian Legion Branch 252
426 Osborne Street, Winnipeg, MB
(Across from the Winnipeg Transit garage)

Other Important Dates:

Newscaster: Deadline August 29, 2019

WARC: Monthly Meeting Dates **2nd Tuesdays**
September 10, 2019 - Welcome Back
October 8, 2019 - AGM
November 12, 2019 - TBA
December 10, 2019 - TBA

ARES: Tuesday, June 25, 2019 (4th Tuesday)
Sir Wm Stephenson Library
765 Keewatin Street -
Presentation
Debriefs for both RCAF Run and
Manitoba Marathon.

Other: June 22 & 23, 2019 - Field Day

July 13, 2019 - 56th International
Hamfest
<http://ve4qk.org/ve4qk/ihf.htm>

September 14, 2019 - RAC AGM
In conjunction with the MAARC
Annual Flea Market

WARC Executive for 2018-2019...

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Message From The President,

Nine months ago I wrote about the Spirit of Radio, how I was whisked into the wild world of radio and how I hoped to draw on everybody's experience to make WARC's Centennial celebration an event worth remembering.

This past weekend's Hamfest and Conference was nothing less than spectacular and had exceeded all our of our expectations with 160 attendees, including some international guests! Most of the feedback we've heard was extremely positive with some great suggestions for things that could be a little different (better) next time!

I would like to acknowledge the attendance of some members of the local Citizen's Band Radio Club! I have it on good authority that someone had purchased a table half way through the day specifically to sell some 11-meter radios! We hope the members from the CB Club enjoyed the day's activities and hopefully we can collaborate in future events!

I would like to personally thank the members of both the Executive and the Hamfest Planning Committee for all the hard work they've put into the celebration thus far! The year is not over yet and it looks like there's a few more surprises to come! Keep up the good work!

I would also like to extend a high thanks to Melissa Fleury who has gone above and beyond in her planning efforts. Everybody who attended the banquet the evening of June 1st will know that she's been pulling out all the stops to make sure everything is nothing less than perfect! Thanks Melissa!

Last and certainly not the least, a SINCERE THANK-YOU to Cary Rubinfeld (VE4EA) for all of his efforts in organizing the raffles, prizes and events. At the slight suggestion that WARC could host a Hamfest, he grabbed the idea and left the rest of us in the dust! The effort he's put in thus far has been absolutely incredible and I've heard he's got a few more surprises in store for us! Thank-you Cary!!!

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Our Vision

To increase public awareness and respect for Amateur radio; to provide education and support in all aspects of the hobby to our members in a social atmosphere

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Speaking of more to come, Field Day is right around the corner! I'm not going to spoil any surprises but I will mention that this year, Field Day is planned to be held in St. Vital Park! All the details are available on the WARC website!

Don't forget that June's meeting will be executive elections **AND THE DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED** to Wednesday June 12th to accommodate ARES and the Manitoba Marathon Briefing on Tuesday June 11th. Hope to see everybody at both the ARES Briefing and the WARC Meeting!

Wishing everybody a fantastic summer,

Colin Mantay, VE4CEM
President

*What have you done to "promote
amateur radio this week"*

That line we credit to an old News stalwart, Peter Parker with using in his old VK1 and VK3 casts many years ago and it still stands true -WIA

WARC Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2019
Taken by Gerry VE4GKS

Meeting called to order 00:35

Introductions as usual.

ARES Report -
Little to report. Still need operators for the Marathon.

Treasurer's report -
\$11,108 at beginning of April \$11,513 at end, \$7,205 working.

Various individuals reported on DX experience over the previous month.

50/50 \$14.50 to VE4LRM

Starting in September meetings at Windsor Park United Church. Same time as the present.

Following a break, there was a briefing on the Hamfest program & Field Day plans.

Meeting adjourned approximately 02:00

In The News
Hara Arena roof blown off after tornadoes

The Hara arena, the old site of the Dayton Hamvention for many years, was destroyed by tornado on May 27th. Check out the drone video here...

<https://www.whio.com/news/local/hara-arena-roof-blown-off-trotwood-schools-closed-after-tornadoes/5W7NpDohYwDBNwu9fp59bK/>

Spotlight on: Derek Hay VE4HAY
By David VE4DAR

What got you interested in Amateur Radio? The first time I was in a taxi, the driver used his 2-way radio. I thought it was fascinating. Later, I worked 11 meters as XM32418.



Take a class or study on your own? A group of us from the Muddy Waters Computer Club took Wayne Warren's class at St. James Collegiate. I didn't have an Elmer. I got my ticket in 1990.

Build or buy your equipment. I bought new equipment.

Any contacts or moments that stand out? Field Day. I had an HF rig, but didn't have my CW endorsement, so Field Day was the only place I could operate HF at that time.

What have you gotten out of ham radio over the years? A lot of great friends. Lots of community service. I've learned a lot.

Particular interest in ham radio? Public Service; organizing various events and activities.

Public Service? During 1997 flood, served in the EOC every day; marathons, air shows, RAC section manager; (David's note: Derek is the WSCRC's President.)

Advice for new hams? Ours is a hobby that doesn't require a lot of money. Explore various technologies, new and old.

Future of Amateur Radio? It will survive a long, long time. Some of the old ways, such as CW, may die off.

Thanks for all your good work organizing and promoting our hobby, Derek.

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WARC 100 - Thank You !

Thank you everyone for coming out, and making the WARC Centennial Hamfest and Conference an overwhelming success! Thank you to all the volunteers who worked various areas of the hamfest, sold or bought tickets, our vendors, and our speakers!

I would like to congratulate and thank VE4EA Cary Rubenfeld - much of what you saw today was a result of his vision and perseverance. To line up such a high quality roster of presenters, and to round up such fantastic prizes, is absolutely no small feat and you should be commended!! He makes a mighty fine announcer too!

And to the rest of the planning committee, thank you for all of your hard work, it's definitely paid off. It's definitely time for everyone to sit back and put their feet up for a few hours!

Bill
VE4BEF

Prize Draw Winners List

50/50 Draw - Kelly Blanchette

SA #1 - Dan Zelich
SA #2 - Gerry Hull W1VE
SA #3 - Brian Konopski VE4KON
SA #4 - Melissa Fleury
SA #5 - Hill Taylor
SA #6 - Gerry Hull W1VE

Raffle Prize Winners

1st Prize - Icom IC-7300 - Dale Clark
2nd Prize - Icom IC-2730 - Jonathon Straub W0JS
3rd Prize - \$200 Radio World - Hill Taylor VE4TP

Department of the Treasury

The WARC Centennial Hamfest and Conference has come and gone, and from my perspective as Treasurer and Examiner, it was an unqualified social success.

The Hamfest was an outstanding financial success, as well. We had 160 attendees through the front door, included many from other provinces and the US. The Fargo, ND Club was well represented on Sunday. We had 34 vendor tables accounted for. The WARC Cable Shop was in full swing. The prize draw and raffle were very popular. Some preliminary numbers, with some bills and receipts still to be turned in, are as follows:

Attendees	160	up 28% over Oct '18
Vendors	34	up 26%
50/50	\$77	up 57%
Raffle tickets	249	
Draw ticket sheets	124	
Dinner attendees	40	
Profit	\$3,461.22	up 202% over combined 2018 flea markets

It took a lot of person-hours on the part of our Hamfest Committee to put this all together, but together it certainly was, in three months of hard work by all involved. They deserve my, and your, admiration and thanks.

For the Centennial of our Club we chose to go big, or go home, and we were rewarded handsomely. The Dakota Community Centre was everything we could ask for in a venue, and the manager, Rae Vincent, nothing but helpful and informative. Robins came through, opening on a normally closed day to serve a horde of hungry hams. A little late, it's true, but there for us at no cost to the Club. My impression is that attendees enjoyed the access to a wide variety of food, and a quiet place to sit and talk away from the commercial hustle inside.

The Conference was well-done and all I talked to were happy with the content of the talks they saw. There were, of course, scheduling conflicts. You can never attend every talk that interests you.

It was a pleasure having room to walk around and gawk at the goodies without trampling anyone, but as usual, by the time I saw everything and went back to what interested me, someone else had already snagged it. Will I never learn? RAC came and two local suppliers were there. The remote stations were fun and interesting.

I spent the morning in the Exam Room, of course. There are always some people who can't attend our courses, and study diligently at home when they have time. Nine came out on Sunday to challenge the tests - six Basic and three Advanced. Access to secure WIFI at Dakota Community Centre made this possible. We have 3 new hams on the books and 4 new people on HF! Welcome them when you find them on-air in the near future. I did see a couple of them leaving the flea market with goodies. There is definitely a demand for exams at Flea Market, and this will continue to be a feature in the future (say that ten times fast.)

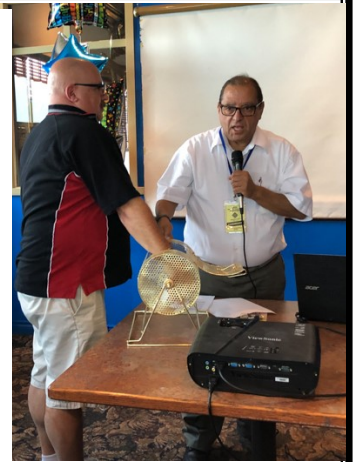
I would like to thank the members of the WARC Centennial Hamfest and Conference Committee for their hard work and vision: Bill Fleury VE4BEF, Melissa Fleury, Cary Rubenfeld VE4EA, Jessy Blanchette VE4JBB, John Romance VE4VJR, Colin Mantay VE4CEM, Drew Kwartel VE4DRW, Dave Stimpson VE4DJS, Paul Reisdorf VE4AMS, Mark Blumm VE4MAB and David Latour VE4DL. Thanks also to our official sponsors, RadioWorld - Toronto, GPS Central - Calgary, and Icom Canada for helping to make this the success it was.

A great big thank you to all those hams and radio-curious people who came out to see all the fuss and take home a prize, a piece of long-sought junkie or just a new spark for our curious hobby.

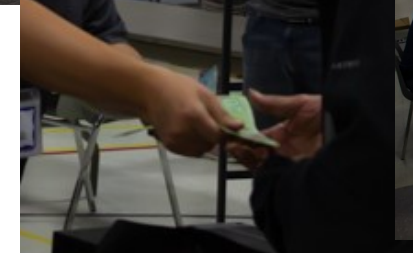
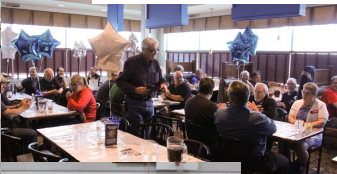
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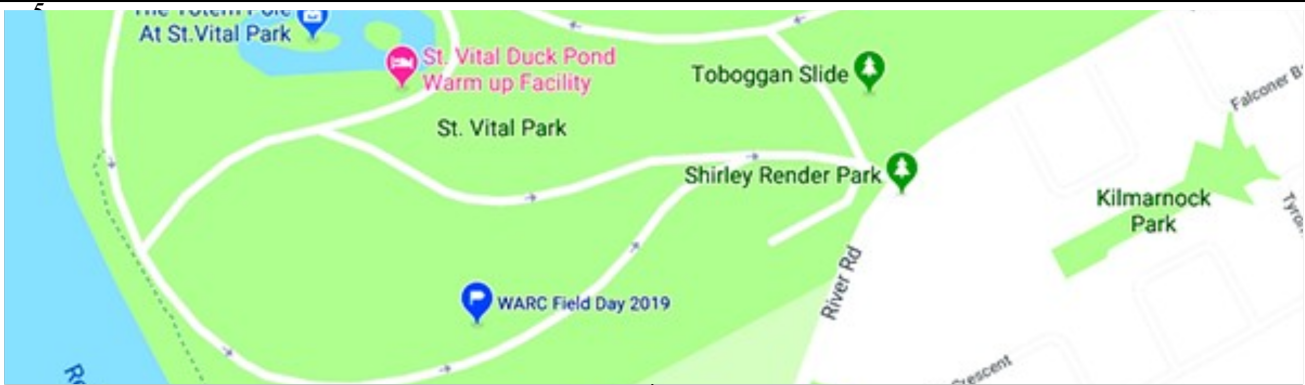


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Dinner
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Field Day 2019...

VE4BB Will be on air for 24 hours!

1 PM Saturday, June 22 to 1 PM Sunday, June 23, 2019

St. Vital Park

WARC Field Day - Call for Setup and teardown crews:
 Saturday June 22 - 9:30am - setup -
 Sunday, June 23 - 11:am - teardown

We need club and outside members to assist with setup and tear down of our Winnipeg Amateur Radio Club Field Day site at St. Vital Park, Site 2 (watch for direction signs).

There will be a club provided dinner on Saturday night and breakfast on Sunday (times TBA). All club members and families are welcome.

Please contact Coordinators:
 Jessy: VE4JBB ve4jbb@gmail.com or
 Cary: VE4EA carys1@gmail.com
 with your availability.

Thanks
 Cary

Mobile Use of Amateur Radio ???

Below is a screen shot of an e-mail from Gord Spado, Inspector, Winnipeg Police Service Traffic Division outlining the Section and Exemptions in the Highway Traffic Act concerning Amateur Radio and CB radio.

A link to the act is <https://web2.gov.mb.ca/laws/statutes/ccsm/h060e.php?fbclid=IwAR26NMeUe7u3QYSrfrVIR6P2qfdwUVnB4WXazSDygoiVde7BuowkIgKN2Y>

In particular section 215.1(5) (a) (i -ii) is the important area that concerns our exemption.

SG Spado, Gord <GSpado@winnipeg.ca> Zac Amell
 FW: Distract driving and CB radios?

Good morning,

There are a couple of pieces in legislation that explain the exceptions regarding radio usage. The violation for Hand Operation Electronic Devices (ie the changed penalties) related to section 215.1(2) of the HTA.

Under the Highway Traffic Act:

Exception — certain radios and other equipment

215.1(5) Subsection (2) does not apply to the use of

- (a) a radio apparatus, as defined in section 2 of the *Radiocommunication Act* (Canada), that
 - (i) is operated under the authority of a radio operator certificate issued under that Act,
 - (ii) must, in order for its operator to communicate with another person, transmit radio signals to another radio apparatus that is operated under the authority of a radio licence issued under that Act, other than a radio licence issued to a cellular telephone network provider, or
 - (iii) is the type of radio apparatus commonly known as citizen's band radio or family band radio; or

For further clarity, the Regulations related to these devices also adds the following:

Exempt devices

3 Subsection 215.1(2) of the Act does not apply to (a) the use of a two-way radio or trunked mobile radio system;

Gord Spado
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 Traffic Division
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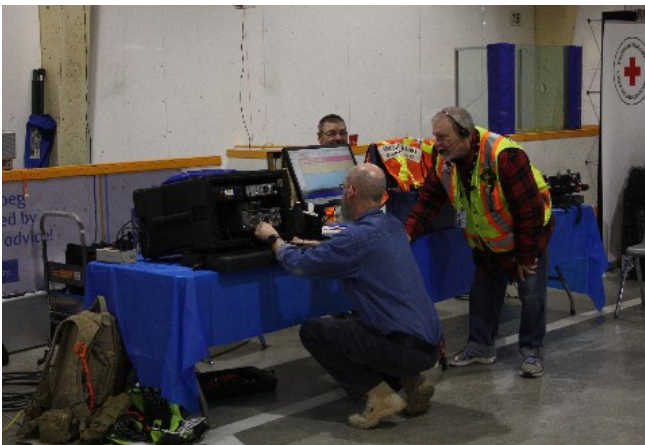
Winnipeg ARES

Jeff Dovyak VE4MBQ
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Three Winnipeg ARES members represented Winnipeg ARES and explained ARES and Amateur Radio in general to those who attended the first Ready Winnipeg event organized by the City of Winnipeg Emergency Preparedness Program held at Sam Southern Arena SAT 11 MAY. Ready Winnipeg was the culminating event of Emergency Preparedness Week. It turned out that VE4s GWN, VD and SIG gave explanations about ARES and Amateur Radio to not only the general public attending the event but also to many responders whose organizations were also participating (including Public Works, WFPS, WPS, Red Cross, Salvation Army, etc). Thanks to Lisa Gilmour, Marc Sheridan and Chief Shaw for facilitating our participation and the invitation to participate.

For more event information see:

<https://www.winnipeg.ca/FPS/events/>



ReadyWinnipegEvent.stm

VE4s SIG & VD doing final tweaking, VE4GWN looks on
Photo Credit Ian Clark VE4CLK



Photo Credit Ian Clark VE4CLK

Our May General Meeting focused on CANWARN Net Control – volunteer resources permitting we will have an ARES member on-call 0930-2130h daily for VE4WVO in the Prairie and Arctic Storm Prediction Centre 13 MAY – 08 SEP.

At press time almost a dozen Winnipeg ARES members are scheduled to provide volunteer Amateur Radio communications again for the RCAF Run SUN 26 MAY. John VE4WX is coordinating this event. Thanks to VE4AGA owner Bruce Johnson VE4KQ for use of the repeater, John Erwin VE4WX for coordinating the event for us and thanks to scheduled ARES volunteers:

VE4s WX, RCA, MWH, DJS, VD, CDM, JON, GWN, YYL, HK and VA4RAD.

Our next General Meeting will be TUE 25 JUN, 1900h at Sir Wm Stephenson Library 765 Keewatin Street. We will have debriefs for both RCAF Run and Manitoba Marathon.

NB: 25 JUN is the 4th TUE of the month. There will be no General Meeting in July and August is tentative.

Manitoba Marathon

Jeff Dovyak VE4MBQ
ve4mbq@rac.ca

The Amateur Radio Group Volunteer Briefing is TUE 11 JUNE 1900h Crescentwood Community Centre 1170 Corydon Avenue (Map 24 D2 in the Sherlock Map Book). Although the briefing starts at 1900h we will begin distribution of race information, documentation, volunteer t-shirts and pre-arranged equipment loans at 1815h. If you register as an Amateur Radio volunteer and cannot attend the 11 JUNE briefing please let us know in advance who will be attending to pick up your briefing materials and volunteer t-shirt.

Amateurs new to Manitoba Marathon should try to sit in the front row at the briefing.

We need all borrowed equipment returned as soon as possible. On Race Day loaner traffic vests & HTs should be turned over to the Course Closing Vehicle as it passes by (it is manned by Amateurs).

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7 Summer Contest Calendar

Extracted From
<http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/>

June 2019

DRCG WW RTTY Contest 0000Z-0759Z, Jun 8
and 1600Z-2359Z, Jun 8
and 0800Z-1559Z, Jun 9

VK Shires Contest 0600Z, Jun 8 to 0600Z, Jun 9

Asia-Pacific Sprint, SSB 1100Z-1300Z, Jun 8

Portugal Day Contest 1200Z, Jun 8 to 1200Z, Jun 9

SKCC Weekend Sprintathon 1200Z, Jun 8 to 2400Z, Jun 9

GACW WWSA CW DX Contest 1500Z, Jun 8 to 1500Z, Jun 9

REF DDFM 6m Contest 1600Z, Jun 8 to 1600Z, Jun 9

ARRL June VHF Contest 1800Z, Jun 8 to 0259Z, Jun 10

Cookie Crumble QRP Contest 1700Z-2200Z, Jun 9

4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint 0000Z-0200Z, Jun 10

RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data 1900Z-2030Z, Jun 10

NAQCC CW Sprint 0030Z-0230Z, Jun 12

Phone Fray 0230Z-0300Z, Jun 12

CWops Mini-CWT Test 1300Z-1400Z, Jun 12
and 1900Z-2000Z, Jun 12
and 0300Z-0400Z, Jun 13

NCCC RTTY Sprint 0145Z-0215Z, Jun 14

NCCC Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Jun 14

All Asian DX Contest, CW 0000Z, Jun 15 to 2400Z, Jun 16

SMIRK Contest 0000Z, Jun 15 to 2400Z, Jun 16

ARR BPSK63 Contest 1200Z, Jun 15 to 1200Z, Jun 16

Ukrainian DX Classic RTTY Contest 1200Z, Jun 15 to 1159Z, Jun 16

IARU Region 1 50 MHz Contest 1400Z, Jun 15 to 1400Z, Jun 16

AGCW VHF/UHF Contest 1400Z-1700Z, Jun 15 (144)
and 1700Z-1800Z, Jun 15 (432)

Stew Perry Topband Challenge 1500Z, Jun 15 to 1500Z, Jun 16

West Virginia QSO Party 1600Z, Jun 15 to 0400Z, Jun 16

ARRL Kids Day 1800Z-2359Z, Jun 15

Feld Hell Sprint 1800Z-1959Z, Jun 15

WAB 50 MHz Phone 0800Z-1400Z, Jun 16

Run for the Bacon QRP Contest 0100Z-0300Z, Jun 17

Phone Fray 0230Z-0300Z, Jun 19

CWops Mini-CWT Test 1300Z-1400Z, Jun 19
and 1900Z-2000Z, Jun 19
and 0300Z-0400Z, Jun 20

RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW 1900Z-2030Z, Jun 19

NAQCC CW Sprint 0030Z-0230Z, Jun 20

NCCC RTTY Sprint 0145Z-0215Z, Jun 21

NCCC Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Jun 21

His Maj. King of Spain Contest, SSB 1200Z, Jun 22 to 1200Z, Jun 23

Ukrainian DX DIGI Contest 1200Z, Jun 22 to 1200Z, Jun 23

ARRL Field Day 1800Z, Jun 22 to 2100Z, Jun 23

QCX Challenge 1300Z-1400Z, Jun 24
and 1900Z-2000Z, Jun 24
and 0300Z-0400Z, Jun 25

SKCC Sprint 0000Z-0200Z, Jun 26

Phone Fray 0230Z-0300Z, Jun 26

CWops Mini-CWT Test 1300Z-1400Z, Jun 26
and 1900Z-2000Z, Jun 26
and 0300Z-0400Z, Jun 27

QRP Fox Hunt 0100Z-0230Z, Jun 27

RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB 1900Z-2030Z, Jun 27

Battle of Carabobo International Contest

0000Z, Jun 28 to 2400Z, Jun 29
0145Z-0215Z, Jun 28
0230Z-0300Z, Jun 28
0000Z-2359Z, Jun 29
0600Z-0900Z, Jun 29
and 1400Z-1700Z, Jun 29

July 2019

RAC Canada Day Contest 0000Z-2359Z, Jul 1

10-10 Int. Spirit of 76 QSO Party 0001Z, Jul 1 to 2400Z, Jul 7

IQRP Quarterly Marathon 0800Z, Jul 1 to 2000Z, Jul 7

RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW 1900Z-2030Z, Jul 1

ARS Spartan Sprint 0100Z-0300Z, Jul 2

QRP Fox Hunt 0100Z-0230Z, Jul 2

Phone Fray 0230Z-0300Z, Jul 3

CWops Mini-CWT Test 1300Z-1400Z, Jul 3
and 1900Z-2000Z, Jul 3
and 0300Z-0400Z, Jul 4

NRAU 10m Activity Contest 1700Z-1800Z, Jul 4 (CW)
and 1800Z-1900Z, Jul 4 (SSB)
and 1900Z-2000Z, Jul 4 (FM)
and 2000Z-2100Z, Jul 4 (Dig)

SKCC Sprint Europe 1900Z-2100Z, Jul 4

NCCC RTTY Sprint 0145Z-0215Z, Jul 5

NCCC Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Jul 5

FISTS Summer Slow Speed Sprint 0000Z-0400Z, Jul 6

Venezuelan Ind. Day Contest 0000Z-2359Z, Jul 6

DL-DX RTTY Contest 1100Z, Jul 6 to 1059Z, Jul 7

Marconi Memorial HF Contest 1400Z, Jul 6 to 1400Z, Jul 7

Original QRP Contest 1500Z, Jul 6 to 1500Z, Jul 7

PODXS 070 Club 40m Firecracker Sprint 2000Z, Jul 6 to 2000Z, Jul 7

Phone Fray 0230Z-0300Z, Jul 10

CWops Mini-CWT Test 1300Z-1400Z, Jul 10
and 1900Z-2000Z, Jul 10
and 0300Z-0400Z, Jul 11

RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB 1900Z-2030Z, Jul 10

QRP Fox Hunt 0100Z-0230Z, Jul 11

NCCC RTTY Sprint 0145Z-0215Z, Jul 12

NCCC Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Jul 12

FISTS Summer Unlimited Sprint 0000Z-0400Z, Jul 13

IARU HF World Championship 1200Z, Jul 13 to 1200Z, Jul 14

SKCC Weekend Sprintathon 1200Z, Jul 13 to 2400Z, Jul 14

QRP ARCI Summer Homebrew Sprint 2000Z-2300Z, Jul 14

4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint 0000Z-0200Z, Jul 15

Phone Fray 0230Z-0300Z, Jul 17

CWops Mini-CWT Test 1300Z-1400Z, Jul 17
and 1900Z-2000Z, Jul 17
and 0300Z-0400Z, Jul 18

QRP Fox Hunt 0100Z-0230Z, Jul 18

NCCC RTTY Sprint 0145Z-0215Z, Jul 19

NCCC Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Jul 19

NAQCC CW Sprint 0030Z-0230Z, Jul 20

Russian Radio Team Championship 0700Z-1459Z, Jul 20

Trans-Tasman Low-Bands Challenge 0800Z-1400Z, Jul 20

Feld Hell Sprint 1200Z-1359Z, Jul 20

CQ Worldwide VHF Contest 1800Z, Jul 20 to 2100Z, Jul 21

North American QSO Party, RTTY 1800Z, Jul 20 to 0559Z, Jul 21

SA Sprint Contest 2100Z-2259Z, Jul 20

RSGB Low Power Contest 0900Z-1200Z and 1300Z-1600Z, Jul 21

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July Continued...

CQC Great Colorado Gold Rush 2000Z-2159Z, Jul 21
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest 0100Z-0300Z, Jul 22
SKCC Sprint 0000Z-0200Z, Jul 24
Phone Fray 0230Z-0300Z, Jul 24
CWops Mini-CWT Test 1300Z-1400Z, Jul 24
and 1900Z-2000Z, Jul 24
and 0300Z-0400Z, Jul 25
QRP Fox Hunt 0100Z-0230Z, Jul 25
RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data
1900Z-2030Z, Jul 25
NCCC RTTY Sprint 0145Z-0215Z, Jul 26
NCCC Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Jul 26
RSGB IOTA Contest
1200Z, Jul 27 to 1200Z, Jul 28
ARS Flight of the Bumblebees 1700Z-2100Z, Jul 28
QCX Challenge 1300Z-1400Z, Jul 29
and 1900Z-2000Z, Jul 29
and 0300Z-0400Z, Jul 30
Phone Fray 0230Z-0300Z, Jul 31
CWops Mini-CWT Test 1300Z-1400Z, Jul 31
and 1900Z-2000Z, Jul 31
and 0300Z-0400Z, Aug 1

August 2019

QRP Fox Hunt 0100Z-0230Z, Aug 1
NRAU 10m Activity Contest
1700Z-1800Z, Aug 1 (CW)
and 1800Z-1900Z, Aug 1 (SSB)
and 1900Z-2000Z, Aug 1 (FM)
and 2000Z-2100Z, Aug 1 (Dig)
SKCC Sprint Europe 1900Z-2100Z, Aug 1
NCCC RTTY Sprint 0145Z-0215Z, Aug 2
NCCC Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Aug 2
10-10 Int. Summer Contest, SSB
0001Z, Aug 3 to 2359Z, Aug 4
European HF Championship 1200Z-2359Z, Aug 3
WAB 144 MHz Low Power Phone
1400Z-1800Z, Aug 3
North American QSO Party, CW
1800Z, Aug 3 to 0559Z, Aug 4
ARRL 222 MHz and Up Distance Contest
1800Z, Aug 3 to 1800Z, Aug 4
SARL HF Phone Contest 1400Z-1700Z, Aug 4
G3ZQS Memorial Straight Key Contest
2300Z, Sep 4 to 2300Z, Sep 6
ARS Spartan Sprint 0100Z-0300Z, Aug 6
Phone Fray 0230Z-0300Z, Aug 7
CWops Mini-CWT Test 1300Z-1400Z, Aug 7
and 1900Z-2000Z, Aug 7
and 0300Z-0400Z, Aug 8
QRP Fox Hunt 0100Z-0230Z, Aug 8
NCCC RTTY Sprint 0145Z-0215Z, Aug 9
NCCC Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Aug 9
WAE DX Contest, CW
0000Z, Aug 10 to 2359Z, Aug 11
QRP ARCI European Sprint 0800Z-1100Z, Aug 10
SKCC Weekend Sprintathon
1200Z, Aug 10 to 2400Z, Aug 11
Maryland-DC QSO Party
1400Z, Aug 10 to 0400Z, Aug 11

4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint
0000Z-0200Z, Aug 12
MMMonVHF/DUBUS 144 MHz Meteorscatter Sprint
Contest 1200Z, Aug 12 to 1159Z, Aug 14
NAQCC CW Sprint 0030Z-0230Z, Aug 14
Phone Fray 0230Z-0300Z, Aug 14
CWops Mini-CWT Test 1300Z-1400Z, Aug 14
and 1900Z-2000Z, Aug 14
and 0300Z-0400Z, Aug 15
QRP Fox Hunt 0100Z-0230Z, Aug 15
NCCC RTTY Sprint 0145Z-0215Z, Aug 16
NCCC Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Aug 16
SARTG WW RTTY Contest 0000Z-0800Z, Aug 17
and 1600Z-2400Z, Aug 17
and 0800Z-1600Z, Aug 18
ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest
0600 local, Aug 17 to 2400 local, Aug 18
Russian District Award Contest
0800Z, Aug 17 to 0800Z, Aug 18
Keyman's Club of Japan Contest
1200Z, Aug 17 to 1200Z, Aug 18
Feld Hell Sprint 1600Z-1759Z, Aug 17
North American QSO Party, SSB
1800Z, Aug 17 to 0559Z, Aug 18
CVA DX Contest, CW
2100Z, Aug 17 to 2100Z, Aug 18
SARL HF Digital Contest 1400Z-1700Z, Aug 18
NJQRP Skeeter Hunt 1700Z-2100Z, Aug 18
ARRL Rookie Roundup, RTTY 1800Z-2359Z, Aug 18
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest 0100Z-0300Z, Aug 19
Phone Fray 0230Z-0300Z, Aug 21
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and 1900Z-2000Z, Aug 21
and 0300Z-0400Z, Aug 22
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SCC RTTY Championship
1200Z, Aug 24 to 1159Z, Aug 25
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Kansas QSO Party 1400Z, Aug 24 to 0200Z, Aug 25
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NCCC Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Aug 30
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1200Z, Aug 31 to 1200Z, Sep 1

Good Luck In The Contest

A QRP Field Day *By Gerry VE4GKS*

As most of you are probably aware, June 22/23 week-end is the annual ARRL Field Day. This year WARC has arranged for two FD sites and operations. The first, for “regular” operation, is St. Vital Park. The second, for QRP operation, is Camp Amisk. As the executive knows I have QRP equipment, I was “volunteered” (military speak for ordered) to run this portion of FD. The planned operation will be as follows:

I have four QRP transceivers:

- 1) A Xiegu X108G Outdoor. This is a more-or-less conventional superhet transceiver.
- 2) A Xiegu X1M Platinum Pro. This, like the X108G, is more-or-less conventional. It is not as good as the X108G
- 3) A LNR Engineering LD-11. This is a software defined radio.
- 4) A YouKits HB1B Mark 3. This is more of a transmitter and receiver in one package.

I also have a couple of antenna matching units, a few keys and paddles, and two Hamcrafters CW terminals (a K42 and a K44). These last combine a keyer, a keyboard keyer, a memory keyer, and a code reader, in one unit. They are not quite identical in operation. I also have an assortment of wire lengths for random wires, plus a QRP dipole with integral transmission line.

The two Xiegu and the LD-11 are capable of operation on the 10 through 80 meter bands, CW or SSB. The HB1B is CW only on 15, 20, & 40 meters. The X108G and the LD-11 can also operate on 160, and the LD-11 on 6, although I do not anticipate using these two bands. (The X1M “can” operate on all bands below 30 Mhz., including those below the AM radio band, but needs external band pass filters, which I do not have.) All four transceivers have built-in keyers, although I anticipate we will use the external keyers. The HB1B does not have a speaker – you must use a headset.

I do have a 100 watt solar panel, which I hope will provide enough power for the radios for the weekend (if the sun co-operates). I do have a couple of smaller batteries, but need a charge controller, & would like a larger battery. I hope to have these by FD.

Tentative plans are that we will operate two stations, using the X108G and the LD-11. We will use my call, operating as VE4GKS/P. The St. Vital Park operation will use the club call (VE4BB). The X1M & the HB1B will be spare transceivers, in the event one or both of the “main” transceivers gives problems.

Getting antennas up should be no problem. The site has a 30’ mast with a halyard, and there are lots of trees to hang wires on. I have two each of 100’ reflective paracords, 100’ mason’s line, and 50’ mason’s line, plus a good spool of 100 pound test hard

braided dacron cord.

Digital operation: the Xiegu and the LD-11 are CAT-capable. Only the LD-11 has a built-in sound card, however, so this will be the only one possibly used for digital modes. I will bring out one, or possibly both, of my Lenovo laptops (aT410 & a W540, both with maximum memory & SSDs instead of hard drives). If we do use digital modes, the software will be FLDIGI.

General notes on Camp Amisk:

In previous years, all operation has been from Amisk, and the club has arranged for meals for the week-end, and somebody has volunteered to be the chef in charge. At the moment, I don’t know what will be done here, with two sites in operation.

The site is reached as follows: From the south perimeter highway, go south on Waverly Street for several kilometers. (Note that if you are on Waverly south of the perimeter, you will not be able to go north from the perimeter.) You will come to a small valley. The La Salle River is in the bottom of the valley. Continue across the bridge, and climb out of the valley on the south side. Just before you reach the top of the valley, there is a driveway to your left. Take this driveway, watch for the entrance archway to the camp, and continue to the site on your right.

Note that there is no water or plumbing on the site. You will have to bring drinking water. There are a couple of outhouses, and there has been in previous years waterless hand disinfectant. It might be an idea to bring some, and a couple of rolls of paper, in case there isn’t any. A supply of skeeter repellent might also be an idea, although these pests haven’t been an issue in the past.

There is lots of space for RVs, pitching tents, etc. There is a shelter with a roof, which we will be able to use. Perhaps some of those who are campers would like to help out.

All we really need now is for some operators to get into the real spirit of FD. Any volunteers?

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- Starting in September, 2019, WARC general meetings will be held at the Windsor Park United Church, 1062 Autumnwood Dr. (at Cottonwood Rd.).

- Meetings will still be held on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 PM.

- We will meet in the lower level banquet hall. There is a handicap lift from the main floor to the lower level.

- The church is handicap accessible and has a paved parking lot. There is also a large strip mall parking lot across the street from the church beside the fire hall.

- The church respectfully asks us to help them minimize their cleaning costs by removing dirty footwear, when it is wet/raining outside, and in the winter. So please bring clean shoes/slippers to the meetings at those times or you can just walk around in your socks.

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